

# Syllabus

for course at advanced level

**Master's Thesis/Essay Course in International Relations**  
**Självständigt arbete i internationella relationer för masterexamen**

**30.0 Higher Education  
Credits**  
**30.0 ECTS credits**

<b>Course code:</b>	EH1706
<b>Valid from:</b>	Autumn 2017
<b>Date of approval:</b>	2017-03-28
<b>Department</b>	Department of Economic History and International Relations
<b>Main field:</b>	International Relations
<b>Specialisation:</b>	A2E - Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits)

## Decision

Decided by the board of the Department of Economic History. Revised March 28.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Completed researches for BA or equivalent degree including 90 credits in Economic History, International Relations or equivalent topics as history, human geography, economics, anthropology, sociology or political science inc. a thesis or other independent project of at least 15 credits. In addition students must have fulfilled the following courses at advanced level:

"Theory in Social Science", 7,5 (cred.) and "Method in Social Science" 7,5 (cred.), "Quantitative methods" 7,5 (cred.), "Reading course in International Relations, 7,5 (cred.), or "Theory and Method, Globalization, Environment and Social Change", 15 (cred.), or equivalent. English 6 or equivalent.

## Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
1706	Master's Thesis/Essay Course in International Relations	30

## Course content

The goal of the seminar is to be of continual assistance to the students in the course of their different writing tasks. It will consist of application exercises and discussions around source evaluation, methodology and theoretical framing. It will furthermore be a forum for presentation, discussion and examination of working papers and essays produced by the participants of the seminar.

## Learning outcomes

After completing this course students are expected to be able to:

- actively participate in discussions about epistemological and methodological problems as well as evaluation of sources;
- analyse and discuss the results of other students;
- independently conduct a major scientific investigation within the research field of International Relations and present their results with a high degree of scientific rigour;
- present their results orally and argue their validity.

## Education

Continuous participation at the essay seminars, which are scheduled to convene on a monthly basis.  
The attendance is obligatory.

### **Forms of examination**

Presentation and defence of the master's thesis, active participation at the seminars and opposition of a fellow student's essay.

The following grades will be used: A, B, C, D, E, Fx, F.

### **Interim**

When the course has ceased or the contents essentially changed, the student has the right to, once per term during the following three terms, be examined according to this course plan.

### **Limitations**

The course may not be credited in the degree together with a course with content similar to this course.

### **Required reading**

For information about the course literature, see Department of Economic History's webpage,  
<http://ekohist.su.se>